



CPC CyberFlash

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From the Director's Desk

CPC continues to work closely with OMAO by providing and studying resource impacts with respect to various FY07 budget scenarios. Current speculation is that we should probably expect to be in a Continuing Resolution (CR) status until sometime in the 2nd quarter. So although it may be sometime before we have a final FY07 appropriation, key decisions will be made in the very near future that will allow CPC to start to fine tune its FY07 annual operating plan. I will say that I fully expect fiscal challenges in FY07 regardless of our final appropriation. Having said that, one decision that has been made is that the next basic officer training class (BOTC-111) will commence in February 2007 with 20 officer recruits (pending physical clearance).

I look forward to finalizing our work plan and getting the word out on 2007 promotion zones sizes, end of year strength, assignments, training opportunity, and accessions, to name a few.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Todd Stiles".

Captain Todd C. Stiles, NOAA
Director, Commissioned Personnel Center

Billet of the Week (Reminder)

The NOAA Corps will be selecting two officers from the fleet to transition into Aviation during the 2008 calendar year. Start dates for flight training will be approximately June 2008 and December 2008 with some flexibility to accommodate rotation dates. While some preference will be given to junior NOAA Corps officers possessing FAA ratings, flight experience is not required to be considered for this opportunity. Only candidates that will begin flight training with less than 6 years of TOTAL service towards retirement will be considered during this selection.

As part of the application process, officers desiring to be candidates for selection into the aviation program must produce or accomplish the following by COB on March 2, 2007:

1. Submit a resume and cover letter. Resume should include any flight experience and scheduled rotation date.
2. Obtain a USCG entry flight physical.
3. Accomplish a Navy flight aptitude test.
4. Submit the names of three people on board your ship that will provide recommendations. Do not include CO or XO, as recommendations will automatically be requested from them.

Contact CDR Michele Finn prior to starting this process for specific instructions and with any questions that you may have. CDR Finn can be reached at (813)828-3310 x3026 or Michele.A.Finn@noaa.gov.

National Association of Commissioned Officers Awards (Reminder)

Junior Officer of the Year

The National Association of Commissioned Officers requests nominations for the NOAA Corps Junior Officer of the Year. This award is presented annually to the NOAA Corps officer, below the grade of lieutenant commander, who has made outstanding contributions to NOAA, had outstanding performance, and/or has cast a positive reflection upon the Corps. NOAA Corps officers who are promoted to lieutenant commander during the calendar year are eligible for the award.

The nomination shall consist of at least two pages, the first a cover memo addressed to the National ACO and containing the name, grade, duty title, and job description of the nominated officer.

All commands and field offices are encouraged to submit officer nominations for this award. Selection of the award will be made by the Executive Committee, National ACO in early January 2007. The selectee will be announced and recognized at the ROA mid-winter conference held Washington, D.C. in early February.

Please submit nominations to LCDR Eric Berkowitz, President, National Association of Commissioned Officers via e-mail, Eric.Berkowitz@noaa.gov, no later than December 29, 2006.

NOAA ACO Engineering and Science Awards

The National Association of Commissioned Officers requests nominations for the NOAA ACO Engineering Award and NOAA ACO Science Award. Any NOAA Corps officer, or member of another uniformed service assigned, detailed, or attached to NOAA, who has distinguished him/herself by making outstanding engineering or scientific contributions that distinguish the individual above those performing similar services is eligible.

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CPC Directory

Attached to this Cyberflash is a current CPC Directory.

No FEAR Act Training

Per previous correspondence, the mandatory NO FEAR Act Training is due not later than December 15. At this time, NOAA Corps compliance is less than 20 percent. Please ensure your course completion certificate is received in CPC by the deadline. The online course may be accessed at <http://e-learning.doc.gov>.

On the Horizon

This section is designed to provide the NOAA Corps officers with some of the highlights of items under consideration that may have an impact on them. The items discussed may or may not be approved at a later date.

a. NOAA Corps Legislation: CPC staff has drafted and submitted new legislation for the NOAA Corps. The legislation is currently routing through the internal NOAA/DOC processes. This legislation addresses NOAA Corps recruitment, retention, promotion and disciplinary procedures by updating, strengthening, and clarifying the language of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Officers Act of 2002.

b. Operational Dress Uniform. The NOAA Corps currently purchases the majority of its uniforms from the U. S. Navy. The U. S. Navy is replacing seven uniforms with a camouflage battle dress uniform (BDU), which is not suitable to meet the missions of the NOAA Corps. The U. S. Coast Guard uses an operational dress uniform (ODU) that is a suitable replacement. We currently plan to use the Coast Guard's Operational Dress Uniform as a replacement for following uniforms: Winter Blue, Summer White, Tropical White, Service Khaki, Winter Working Blue, Working Khaki, Tropical Khaki and Working Coveralls. CPC staff is currently working with the Uniform Staff of the U. S. Coast Guard to pave the way for using their Operational Dress Uniform. We have developed a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA), which we hope to have through the routing process and approved by the end of the year.

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